to pay eight annas or ten annas and suppose we want to go we will have to pay Rs. 25 for a quarter. Suppose a man only wanted to go once he will have to pay Rs. 25. Is it possible to come to a mutual arrangement by which the British cars will be allowed entrance to the Cochin territory free of tolls and vice versa?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Madras Government will not agree to it.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will you kindly address the Government on these lines? That will give us great relief. Otherwise the necessity of imposing Rs. 15 on every Madras car for the first time may be considered by our Government. Then that will be equalising our position.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We will consider the suggestion.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—In the Chittur taluk the British territory is within three miles. It is very difficult to go outside with one's own car without entering British territory. I represented the matter to the Police Commissioner. This is only for the information of the House, being a matter of local interest.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Have the Government any statistics to show the number of cars that enter Cochin territory from British parts?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes. Roughly the traffic department has supplied these figures.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are the Government aware that there is real hardship in the matter?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will they be pleased to negotiate with the British Government for better terms instead of leaving it there?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We will consider the two suggestions made by the Hon'ble Member for Cheruviruthi.

Well-boring experiment at Peringavu—results of.

317. Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what the results of the well-boring experiment at Peringavu (Trichur) are; and,

(b) whether the expected supply would be sufficient to satisfy the needs of Ramavarmapuram, the Central Jail and the Trichur Municipality?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The yield of the bore-hole is 3,800 gallons of water per hour. The water is found to be slightly brackish. Trials are being made to see if the quality could be improved by continuous pumping.

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(b) Supply will be adequate if the bore hole water could be improved.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—What is the depth of this bore-hole?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—445 feet.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Is it not the deepest bore-hole in south India?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon —Yes.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Will the Government be pleased to state how the water happens to be brackish?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It may be due to dissolved salts in the rock.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Can matters be improved by further deepening of the bore-hole?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—My opinion was that if continuous pumping is done, the concentrated water might be removed and after that, water may not be so brackish as it is now. But I cannot say for certain whether it can be removed by further deepening.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—For how many hours can water be extracted?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—All the 24 hours.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—What is the level of water in the bore-hole?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—During the dry season 13 feet from the ground level.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—What is the nature of the salt that went to make the water brackish?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Sodium chloride.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—(b) What is the rough estimate of the quantity of water required for Ramavarmapuram, the Central Jail and Trichur Municipality? How much per day in each of these places will be required?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—For the Trichur Municipality the supply has to be adequate on the scale as we have in Ernakulam. That will be about 5 to 6 lakhs of gallons per day. In the Central Jail it may be about 10 to 15 gallons per day and for Ramavarmapuram 20 thousand gallons.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—If this attempt were to fail, is there any alternative proposal to supply water?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—If this should fail of course the best method of supplying water will be from Chalakkudi river, but it should be financed. That is not possible at present.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Any other alternative scheme under consideration?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— The alternative proposal is to increase the number of tanks—8 or 9 tanks will be dug in different places.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Will it meet the situation?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Each tank we have found can supply every day about 40 thousand gallons. Ten times that will come to 4 lakhs of gallons a day. That should be sufficient.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What will be the cost of tanks?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Rs. 1,000 a tank.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will the Government consider to give the minimum quantity of water for the town? A number of years have now passed. May I know whether any work will be undertaken this year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—I desire also to know whether an unlimited quantity of water will be available for all these localities by increasing the number of tanks?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Vernacular Education Committee—work of.

318. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the Vernacular Education Committee presided over by H. H. Rama Varma Thampuran was appointed by the Government;

(b) what work it has turned out hitherto;

(c) when it is expected to complete its labours?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—(a) In December 1931.

(b) Evidence has been collected by the Committee after examining the following gentlemen at Ernakulam.

1. M. R. Ry. P. Sankaran Nambiyar Avl., Professor, Maharaja's College, Ernakulam.
2. ,, K. Raman Menon Avl., M. A., L. T., Headmaster, High School, Ernakulam.
3. ,, K. Kesavan Nayar Avl., Pandit, Maharaja's College, Ernakulam.
4. ,, K. Ayyappan Avl., B. A., M. L. C., Ernakulam.
5. ,, George Chakyamuri Avl., President, Kumbalanghy Village Panchayat.

For gauging public opinion in the matter, a public Conference was also held under the auspices of the Committee. Several prominent gentlemen of the locality attended the Conference and gave their views regarding the lines on which Vernacular education is to be imparted.

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